4-star wines Highly Recommended (continued) 16.5–18.49pts

Schiavenza, Bricco Cerretta, Serralunga d'Alba 17.67

N/A UK www.schiavenza.com

Earth, spice, rose, prune and oak bouquet. Old-school style with excellent, deep, dried fruit flavours, real mineral feel and mouthcoating, astringent tannins. Needs time but fine potential. **Drink:** 2015–2023. **Alc:** 14.5%

Ferdinando Principiano, Boscareto, Serralunga d'Alba 17.6

£60 Amps, Butlers, Define, Noel Young, Quaff, Reserve Wines, The Sampler, Secret Cellar, Vineking, WoodWinters, Worth Bros

Redcurrant and leather aromas. Traditional style with sweet fruit and tannic grip but still linear. Juicy acidity underpins the savoury fruit. Complex and long. **Drink:** 2013–2022. **Alc:** 14%

Andrea Oberto, Rocche, La Morra 17.5

£50 Astrum

Lush, powerful cherry, spice, violet, ripe red berry, earth and coffee aroma. Lively, vibrant fruit with elegant tannins, good depth and complex layers. Lots of spice and vigour thanks to fine acidity. **Drink:** 2012–2019. **Alc:** 14.5%

Andrea Oberto, La Morra 17.5

£33 Astrum

Prominent vanilla oak, floral notes and red fruit aromas. Elegant palate with nice balance and harmony. Powerful and relatively open style with a sinewy structure, fine tannins and fresh acidity. **Drink:** 2012–2017. **Alc:** 14%

Ascheri, Sorano Coste & Bricco, Serralunga d'Alba 17.5

£50 Swig

Coffee, chocolate, spice, sage, cedar and cherry fruit bouquet. Bright and uplifting palate with chewy tannins. A seamless traditional style and lovely dark berry fruit quality. Elegant and inviting. **Drink:** 2011–2016. **Alc:** 14%

Attilio Ghisolfi, Bussia Bricco Visette, Monforte d'Alba 17.5

£31 (2004) Marc Fine Wine

Tar, earth, spice, red fruit, perfumed violets, redcurrants and baked apple aromas. Traditional style which is youthfully sturdy, with a lovely texture, real grip and deep dark fruit. Has potential. **Drink:** 2012–2022. **Alc:** 14.5%

Ceretto, Bricco Rocche Brunate, La Morra 17.5

£50 Bibendum

Classic nose of rose, violets, plums, bramble fruit, spice, integrated oak and vanilla. Carefully crafted on the palate – benchmark Barolo, with its perfumed fruit, silky tannins and good oak. Great balance. **Drink:** 2015–2022. **Alc:** 14%

Ciabot Berton, Roggeri, La Morra 17.5

£26 The Wine Society

Classic savoury, dark fruit, fennel, roses and violet perfume. Immediately accessible red with balanced ripe fruit, refreshing acidity, nice use of oak and well-judged tannins. Ripe and silky. **Drink:** 2014–2020. **Alc:** 14%

Erbaluna, La Morra 17.5

£27 Swig, Vinceremos

Hints of great complexity to come on the nose: porcini, black olives, cocoa and savoury notes. Engaging palate with savoury flavours, fabulous grip and intensity. Bodes well for the future. Well done. **Drink:** 2014–2020. **Alc:** 14%

Negretti, La Morra 17.5

N/A UK www.negrettivini.com

Attractive wild berry fruit aroma. Elegant style which is deep, vigorous and powerful with concentration and complexity. Still youthful but has an attractive palate that is serious, integrated and complete with velvety tannins. **Drink:** 2012–2018. **Alc:** 14%

Andrea Oberto, Brunate, La Morra 17.33

£55 Astrum

Modern nose of dark berry fruit and vanilla oak. Deliciously juicy and concentrated dark berry fruit, velvety tannins and a fine polished veneer of vanilla oak. A crowd-pleasing international style with finesse. **Drink:** 2012–2018. **Alc:** 14.5%

Gianfranco Alessandria, San Giovanni, Monforte d'Alba 17.33

£47.99 The Winery

Vigorous dark berry fruit, oak, candied peel, orange zest and ginger. Intense, concentrated and full-flavoured wine with sweet, juicy fruit, refreshing acidity and muscular tannins. Well crafted. **Drink:** 2012–2018. **Alc:** 14.5%